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down to the modern inclosures more systematically brought about and more generally recognized as promoting economic welfare, though by no means devoid of hardship to certain classes of individuals. Book III deals with the effect of inclosures from various points of view, namely, that of agriculture in general—methods of farming, amount and variety of crops and animals produced and their improvement in quality; social and economic effects upon country life as such; and lastly, the effect upon employment and population of the country as a whole.

The style is simple and matter-of-fact. The conclusions drawn are guarded and conservative. The work has an exceptionally well-arranged analytical table of contents, a considerable amount of statistical data in tabular form as well as interspersed in the text, and several excellent cartograms showing the situation as regards common and inclosure at different periods. The volume will not prove fascinating to the general reader, but the teacher and the student of economic and social conditions in the past will find here a large amount of interesting material.

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*Annalen für soziale Politik und Gesetzgebung.* Herausgegeben von  
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It is just a year since the first issue of this new journal, which takes for its aim the independent and purely scientific discussion of social politics and social legislation with the purpose of arriving at an objective knowledge of social problems and affairs regardless of any ethical considerations. The editor is the well-known former head of the *Archiv für Socialwissenschaft und Socialpolitik*, Dr. Heinrich Braun. As this eminent editor has succeeded in securing the co-operation of numerous important specialists in various countries, the confidence placed in him has been justified even during the first year of the journal. The *Annalen* have already made themselves indispensable to those in public life who are concerned either theoretically or practically with questions of social policy.

In addition to comprehensive articles dealing with vital questions of social politics, the *Annalen* contain short but thorough accounts of current problems and of actual conditions, as well as reviews of current literature in their special field. The character of the contributions which have already been published reveals the editor's intention to provide in larger measure than hitherto a forum in which men of affairs and men in politics may discuss social theory and practice, not in the interests of party but rather to draw suggestions from the viewpoint of the practical man and to offer such suggestions out of the knowledge of the scholar—all for the mutual correction of one-sided views and for the establishment of a better understanding than has yet been realized. For nowhere does insight gain ground more slowly than in the field of social science, to such an extent is the history of social science the history of the struggle against prejudice.